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SUBJECT: UNIDO - FOURTH SESSION PERMANENT COMMITTEE
(PC-IV)

1. PC-IV COMMENCED ON SCHEDULE APRIL 17 IN ABSENCE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ABDEL-RAHMAN, WHO IS IN NEW YORK FOR UN MEETINGS AND EXPECTED BACK APRIL 23. FOLLOWING OFFICERS ELECTED FOR PC--CHAIRMAN-FERNANDINI (PERU); VICE-CHAIRMEN-A. STRAUSS (CZECHOSLOVAKIA); W. MEJDOUB (TUNISIA); M. SIVANATHAN (SRI LANKA); AND RAPPORTEUR-R. VINING (U.K.).

2. USSR SIGNALLED PREFERENCE THAT NATURAL RESOURCES BE DISCUSSED SOLELY BY IDB, THUS NO EFFORT MADE TO ADD ITEM TO PC AGENDA. PC ALSO DECIDED MOVE ITEM ON UNIDO-II PREPARATIONS AHEAD OF EVALUATION ITEM ON PC AGENDA SO AS TO INSURE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF WHAT CONSIDERED PRINCIPAL ISSUE.

3. INTERESTING EARLY SIDELIGHTS WERE CHINESE COMPLAINT
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THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN PRE-SESSION ASIAN

CAUCUS DESPITE THEIR ASSERTION THEY TREATED AS MEMBER ASIAN GROUP IN OTHER UN FORA SUCH AS GA AND ECOSOC. WE INFORMED BY PHILIPPINE AND INDIA SOURCES THAT INDIAN AMB. JAIPAL, SPOKESMAN FOR ASIANS, HAD ASSUMED CHINESE NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ASIAN GROUP CAUCUS AS THEY HAD NEVER RESPONDED TO HIS INVITATION TO DO SO AT IDB-VII; MOREOVER, NO ASIAN GROUP MEETINGS TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO PC-IV. ALSO, FOR FIRST TIME CUBA DID NOT REGISTER PRO FORMA DISASSOCIATION FROM NOMINATION OF LA OFFICER, IN THIS CASE PERUVIAN AMB. FERNANDINI.

4. AFTERNOON FIRST DAY AND SECOND DAY OF PC TAKEN WITH STANDARD PRESENTATIONS BY DIVISION DIRECTORS OF 1973 ACTIVITIES, FOLLOWED BY INTERVENTIONS ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT. VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS COMMENDED REPORT, ALTHOUGH MANY COMPLAINED OF ITS TARDY DISTRIBUTION.

5. A FEW DELEGATIONS, SUCH AS INDIA AND SRI LANKA, QUICKLY GOT INTO SUBSTANCE, WITH FORMER EMPHASIZING NEED FOR UNIDO TO CONCENTRATE ON LONG-TERM AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY FERTILIZERS. SRI LANKA, AFTER ENDORSING INDIAN POINT, FOLLOWED WITH PROPOSALS THAT UNIDIO CONCENTRATE ON ENTIRE AREA OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY RESEARCH ON RAW MATERIALS AND THEIR PROCESSING.

6. EARLY CHINESE INTERVENTION EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NEW FORMS OF MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES, AS WELL AS STANDARD RHETORIC ON INAPPROPRIATE UNIDO ASSISTANCE TO "LON NOL CLIQUE" AND ISRAEL AND "UNILATERAL" ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA; REFERENCE TO SVN AND ROK APPARENTLY INTENDED TO SIGNAL CALL FOR ASSISTANCE TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH. ALSO, CHINESE AGAIN HIT UNIDO ASSOCIATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS IBRD, WHICH HAVE TAIWAN MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER, SENIOR CHINESE DELEGATE FROM PEKING, CHANG HSIEN-WU WENT OUT OF WAY TO GREET US DEL MEMBERS, A CLEAR DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS, ALTHOUGH CHINESE HAVE STILL NOT INITAIED ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. WE HAVE FLOATED NAME OF ECLA SEC GEN INGLESIAS AS CANDIDATE SUCCEED ABDEL-RAHMAN, BUT RESPONSES INDICATE THAT WHILE IT COMMON KNOWLEDGE HIS NAME BEING CONSIDERED IN NEW YORK, NOBODY, INCLUDING URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR, HAS ANY INSIDE INFORMATION. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION USUN MIGHT OBTAIN. ALGERIAN OBSERVER TOLD US HIS GOVT HAS DECIDED

ALSO FIELD CANDIDATE (ALTHOUGH CANDIDATE NOT YET SELECTED), AND THAT AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT KAMPALA TWO WEEKS AGO ALLEGEDLY AGREED SUPPORT ALGERIA.

8. IT CLEAR FROM INTERVENTIONS TO DATE THAT SOME LDC'S WILL WISH MAKE ISSUE OF SIS PROGRAM. WE RECOMMEND THAT USUN CONTACT SIDNEY DELL OF UNDP TO ADVISE HIM OF THIS SO THAT HE WILL BE WELL PREPARED WHEN HE ATTENDS IDB SESSION.

A. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE INFORMED THAT ABDEL-RAHMAN WAS TO HAVE MET APRIL 19 WITH PETERSEN TO DISCUSS SIS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF PARA 76 OF REPORT OF 17TH SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST BY UNIDO FOR CLARIFICATION OF UNDP THINKING. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION USUN MAY OBTAIN ON OUTCOME THIS MEETING.

B. PC DISCUSSION ALSO CONCERNED WITH EXTENT TO WHICH RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF UNIDO PROGRAM DELIVERY IN 1973 ATTRIBUTABLE TO CIRCUMSTANCES OBTAINING IN UNDP. WE FEEL ABSENCE OF UNDP DURING THIS DISCUSSION HIGHLY UNFORTUNATE AND WOULD HOPE USUN COULD CONVEY THIS TO DELL. VARIOUS OTHER DELS HAVE EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS THAT UNDP NOT PRESENT DURING PC DISCUSSION IN ORDER ANSWER QUESTIONS AND CHARGES RELATING TO CONDUCT OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SIS, IN INDUSTRY FIELD. DELL SHOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS FULL RANGE UNIDOXUNDP RELATIONS ESPECIALLY THOSE EXPLICITLY AND IMPLICITLY DISCUSSED IN REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY (E.G. DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS, PROGRAMMING, EVALUATION AND SIS). SHOULD BE AT IDB FOR AT LEAST ALL OF DISCUSSION OF AHC AND PC REPORTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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9. INDIA, SRI LANKA AND USSR ALL SUPPORTED IN FIRST INTERVENTIONS IDB ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE STRATEGY. THIS IS GOOD SIGN THAT REPORT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

10. SECRETARIAT RESPONSES TO FIRST ROUND OF INTERVENTIONS ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY LOW RATE OF TA DELIVERY, DEFENSEIVE, BUT THIS MAY CHANGE WHEN A-R RETURNS. STIBRAVY

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